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1. A new series of restrictions on the use of electricity was put into effect on 3 February 1954. Public and private enterprises which did not operate uninterruptedly or which did not work seven days per week will be allowed to work only four days per week. Those having only one shift will work from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; those with two shifts will work from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Those having three shifts will be allowed to increase by three hours their work days.
2. Simultaneously with the enforcement of these measures which further increase the problems of electricity for industrial production, rationing of electricity for private use was done away with in the city of Sofia, a further concession of industry to the individual, clearly along the lines of present politics.
3. The return of electricity to the city of Sofia was allegedly due to the return from Czechoslovakia of the Republika power station's turbine which had been sent there for repairs and which was scheduled to be returned in January 1954. The Czechs allegedly sent, with the turbine, a number of specialists in order to make certain that the turbine was assembled correctly and functioned properly.

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